

Speaking of MacArthur, the other day a farmer friend of ours came into the office and said that even his chickens were working overtime for defense. Everytime one of the hens laid an egg, it said, "Mac - Mac - MacArthur."

When the average man argues with a woman the final result is: "He came, he saw, he concurred."

The best cure for the blues is to stop thinking about yourself.

Machine politicians will never give the country the right kind of machine guns.

The best way to make the world safe for democracy is to make it unsafe for hypocrisy.

Whether you believe it or not, complacency is a greater threat to our national safety than fifth columnists.

One way to find out something good to say about your neighbor is to quit trying to find out something bad.

THIS AND THAT BY OLD TIMER

To the Editor: Ashland police are rushing the growler. Several canines on the loose have been impounded. By the way, we venture to remark that nine persons out of ten can't give a decent excuse for keeping a dog in town.

The average life of a dollar bill is said to be one year. Not ours. They have a tough time lasting one day.

So Mussolini wanted to be another Caesar, eh? Statues of Julius show that he was, like Benito, bald as a door knob, and there the resemblance ends.

Privilege has no place in this war. Washington should see to it that capital and labor make as great sacrifice as it expects of those in the armed forces.

"Hitler Eyes Sweden"—headline. But the Swedes are pretty sure it isn't just a passing spring-time flirtation.

This being a political year, it would be fitting to launch a save gas campaign.

Ashland Takes Third Spot in Track Meet

Ashland high school's track team took third place in a practice meet held at Medford Saturday afternoon. Medford captured first place with 50 points, Grants Pass took second with 38, and Ashland's 34 points netted them the cellar position.

Bud Provost took second place in the 200 yard low hurdles and Charlie Jandreau won the high jump with a leap of five feet, eight inches. He also took first in the broad jump with 18 feet three inches. Provost came in second in this event.

Jandreau's 10 feet won second place in the pole vault. Ken Caton was first in the 100-yard dash with a time of 10:03 and won the 200-yard dash in 19:03. According to those present, Caton looked like state meet material in these events.

Ashland won the relay with Provost first, Jandreau second, Fowler third and Caton fourth. Time was 1:38.08.

JOINS THE MARINES

George Shaffer, Ashland barber, has sent word to Mrs. Shaffer that he passed his examination for entrance into the Marine corps at Portland and will begin his training at San Diego. His shop, the Elk, will be in charge of H. D. Mitchell.

J. A. Bradshaw, 153 Granite, spent a few hours browsing around his favorite haunts Saturday. It was the first time "Brad" had been down town in 1942.

Mrs. Sid Reed received word this week of the death of her brother, J. L. Goade, at St. Louis, Mo. His passing occurred March 30.

**EARL LEEVER and Companion**  
Are Invited to Be Guests of the Southern Oregon Miner  
To See Their Choice of the Following  
**Varsity Theater Programs:**  
(Friday and Saturday)  
"BAD MEN OF MISSOURI"  
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)  
"BIRTH OF THE BLUES"  
Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

House Area Setup Blocked by Fares To Camp White

Adequate bus facilities have been established between Ashland and Camp White but until the price is lowered to meet requirements set up by special ruling of Federal Public Housing Director Blanchard, there is little likelihood that this city will be included in the Critical Defense housing area in connection with the cantonment. This fact was presented in a report to the city council Tuesday evening by G. M. Green, chairman of the local committee heading this and other matters.

According to information received by Green from the Portland FHA office, a district to qualify as part of such a defense housing area must have adequate public bus facilities with a maximum of 40 cents roundtrip fare and that the roundtrip shall not require more than two hours time. Local bus facilities qualify with the exception of the fare, which is 55 cents for the roundtrip to and from Camp White. A petition asking that Ashland be included in the defense housing area regardless of the 15 cents excess in rate brought the following reply from FHA headquarters in Washington to Folger Johnson, state FHA director: "Regarding your letter, Ashland must adhere to both conditions defining community distance."

It is the announced intention of the committee to continue the fight to have Ashland included in the defense housing area and in this connection the Rogue River Transit company, bus concern serving the route, will be petitioned to adjust its rate to conform to the FHA requirements.

FORMER ASHLAND GIRL IONE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

"Like father, like son" is a rule that doesn't apply in the Forsythe family. This time it is "like father, like daughter," for Mrs. Rachel Dick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Forsythe of Ashland, has gone into the school principal business on her own.

When Errett Hummel, principal of schools in Ione, Morrow county, recently resigned to join the armed forces, Mrs. Dick, who had been supply teacher there throughout the school year, was prevailed upon to complete Hummel's term. Then followed her election as principal for the ensuing year. Mrs. Dick lives at Heppner where she taught several years.

MRS. EPLER SOLOIST AT SUNDAY P. M. PROGRAM

At the "American Unity through Music" concert series to be presented by Pro Musica, music honorary at the Southern Oregon College of Education, Ferne Epler, soprano, will be the guest artist at 3 p. m. Sunday, April 12, in the college auditorium.

Mrs. Epler's program will include "E strano poter il Viso suo Veder" (Faust) Gounod, "At the Well," by Hageman, and "A Memory" by Ganz.

College Inaugurates Program of Sports

An intensified program of games and sports with an effort to get all students into some competitive activity is the plan at the Southern Oregon College of Education for the spring term. A softball league has just started with the games played on the turf from 12:30 to 1:30 p. m. three times a week. Two tennis tournaments are starting this week, a 16-place double elimination men's singles and a men's double bracket.

Other games and sports planned for the program are golf, archery, badminton, horseshoes and table tennis for the individual sports, and at the completion of the softball league, the men will start their summer sun tan during an outdoor volleyball tournament.

It is estimated that over 80 percent of all the men in school will engage in these sports during the spring quarter.

The student body plans gold and silver watch fob award medals for winners of the various tournaments.

WANT A DOG?

Do you want a dog? Here's your chance to get one for little money and in doing so you might keep a nice little pet from going to the happy hunting grounds.

City police are rounding up stray dogs and someone might provide a home for one of the unfortunate pooches at a cost of \$4.50.

The police already have had to destroy some of the dogs and others will suffer the same fate unless kept close at home. Wandering dogs have a tendency to destroy gardens and this will not be tolerated, the officials say.

Softball Meeting Called for Monday

A meeting to draw up plans for a softball league for the summer months will be held in Supt. Theo J. Norby's office at Ashland high school at 8 o'clock Monday evening, April 13.

All prospective players and managers are asked to be present and aid in forming the program.

Exclusion Act to Blame for War

Japan declared war on the United States when the exclusion act was passed many years ago, according to Dr. George Simon of Eugene. Simon was speaking before the Lions club Tuesday evening when he revealed this and many other facts about the Japs and other oriental people.

A world traveler, Dr. Simon spent many months in Japan studying the life and characteristics of its people and his report is not complimentary from a moral standpoint. Vice is a government enterprise in the land of the rising sun, where one-third of the earnings go to the government, one-third to the procurers and the remaining third to the helpless victims of the vicious practice.

Morality is equally low in several other oriental lands, the speaker stated.

Simon issued a warning that this war with Japan will be no pushover. Japanese soldiers are trained from babyhood and are imbued with the desire to give their lives for their god—the emperor. They have equipment the equal of other first class powers and are ruthless in their use of it.

Getting back to the exclusion act, Dr. Simon stated that our trouble really started when Commodore Perry opened the gates of Japan and distributed occidental gifts to a savage people. He described the Japanese as a savage race which has assimilated enough modern culture to permit them to enter the channels of world trade and build up a commerce with which to construct a war machine for the purpose of conquering the rest of the world. They are proud and resent the inference borne by the exclusion act that they are inferior. The moment the act became law the Japs started planning the downfall of the United States.

As a parting suggestion, Simon stated that it will take many bombs to shatter Tokyo, but that a well directed bomb on the emperor's palace would shatter the morale of the Japanese and bring about a quicker settlement of the differences in the far Pacific.

LARGE GROUP OF MEN LEAVE FOR SERVICE

Wednesday night's northbound passenger train carried a group of 99 Jackson county men headed for Portland for induction into the service of the country.

Of those mentioned in the Miner last week as leaving from Ashland, Elliott MacCracken has been deferred until the close of the present school term. The school officials felt they were justified in asking for this deferment and it was granted.

Phone Employees Buy Big Block of Bonds

Through the payroll allotment plan, Oregon's 2700 employees of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company already are purchasing more than \$500,000, on an annual basis, of United States defense bonds. In Ashland, all regular employees are participating 100 percent according to H. S. Aikins, manager here.

Emphasis on the enthusiasm with which the company's 26,000 employees on the Pacific coast are participating in the purchase of bonds, as well as the difficulties imposed by the necessary restrictive use of materials, and the heavy growth in taxes, was stressed in a report just issued by President N. R. Powley for the first three months of 1942.

The report shows the tax bill of the company for the 12 months ending March 31 was \$24,877,000, an increase of more than \$3,500,000 over the preceding 12 months. Further large tax increases, effective retroactively to Jan. 1, 1942, are expected.

Net gain in telephones in February was 11,388, as compared with 12,578 in February last year.

SERVICE MEN'S MAIL FREE OF CHARGE

Men in the armed service of the United States may send letter and cards, but not parcels, postage free. This has been verified by the Ashland postoffice, which states that airmail letters must bear postage. Letters sent to soldiers, sailors and marines still must be stamped, the office states.

Mrs. Pracht Succumbs To Brief Illness

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Thursday at Trinity Episcopal church for Mrs. A. H. Pracht, who passed away at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Claude E. Sayre conducted the service. Mrs. C. C. Dunham sang, accompanied by Mrs. Catherine Huffman. Funeral arrangements were in charge of J. P. Dodge and Sons.

Susie L. Martin was born in Chippewa Falls, Wis., and at an early age came to Oregon, settling first in Albany and a little later, in 1884, coming to Ashland on the second through passenger train to make the run from Portland to Ashland. She had been a continuous resident here since that time. She is survived by her husband, A. H. Pracht, to whom she was married in 1899; two sister, Mrs. James Grieg of Portland and Mrs. Blanche Virgin of Medford; one nephew, Hnmiboldt Grieg of New York City, and three nieces, Maxine Dorcy of Honolulu, Lurlin and Lillian Wilkins.

Mrs. Pracht was active in civic and social affairs and devoted much time to the Red Cross. She was a member of Chapter A.C. PEO, the Delphian organization, and the Ashland Study club. Although not a communicant, she was a faithful worker in the Episcopal church.

MARCH GRADUATE GETS TEACHING POSITION

Mrs. Marjorie Biden, a March graduate of the Southern Oregon College of Education, has secured a teaching position for the spring term.

Mrs. Biden was retained by the school board at Ruch to fill the unexpired term of Leo Ammerman, who has been called for military service.

Fishbowl Looms as Anglers Outlet

Oregon's fishermen might have to do their angling in the family fishbowl before this war is over if the forest fire situation becomes too acute.

According to the present plans of U. S. forest officials some of the fishing spots in southern Oregon face closure and others open only on a restricted basis. Forests growing Douglas fir, white pine, sugar pine, and Ponderosa pine, all of which are vital to the nation's defense effort, will be heavily guarded against sportsmen and recreationists, as will burned-over areas where fire control is exceptionally difficult.

Forest officials have outlined a possible plan to be employed during the summer months which may be put into effect in some of the southern Oregon fishing areas. They probably will be governed as follows:

Fish Lake—Open to registered sportsmen except the area about 500 feet adjacent to the dam.

Four Mile Lake—Same ruling. Emigrant Creek—Registration possibly required.

Bear Creek—Probably open. Rocky Point—Probably open.

Territories immediately surrounding these areas also may be open to registered persons but registration with a forest official, during his working hours, will be required for each trip.

Belcastro Matched With Pedro Brazil

Pete Belcastro, rough-house Weed Italian, has been selected by Promoter Mack Lillard to attempt to defeat popular Pedro Brazil in the one-hour main event wrestling bout at Medford armory Monday night.

Brazil, defeated only by Vincent Lopez in six trips to the Medford mat, is a master of legitimate grappling, but Belcastro resorts to as little of this type of mat work as possible. However, Brazil can take care of himself with men of Belcastro's type and fans are giving the South American champion a slight edge.

Jim Casey, still adding to his ever-growing popularity, will clash with aggressive Billy Marcus, who made a good account of himself in his initial appearance last Monday. Marcus showed an inclination to get rough but if he does this with Casey he might run into something he isn't looking for.

Oswego Bob Kruse, always a big favorite in Medford, comes back and will meet tall Tug Carlson in the four-round opener, scheduled to begin at 8:30 p. m.

Each lady, accompanied by a paid admission, will be admitted free of charge. There will be no age limit attached.

ATTEND FUNERAL HERE

G. R. Carter, county clerk, Ralph Sweeney, county treasurer, and A. S. Rosenbaum, former S. P. Official, were Medford men attending the funeral of the late Fred Wagner in Ashland Wednesday.

European Invasion Looms as Possibility As Allied Nations Prepare Spring Drive

Japanese Push on Bataan Peninsula Forces Gallant Defenders to Retreat to Corregidor Stronghold

Trouble for Mr. Adolf Hitler et al appears to be in the making, according to news emanating from London where General George C. Marshall, United States army chief of staff, and Harry L. Hopkins, administrator of American war supplies, are in conference with Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The general impression is that the Allies are preparing for a grand scale offensive against Germany.

Authentic news is lacking, the chief of staff stating that President Roosevelt had entrusted him with a "highly confidential" mission and that "we want to expand" in Europe. A ray of light on the situation is

Fred Wagner Was Ashland Native Son

Following an illness of several months, Fred D. Wagner, life-long resident of Ashland, passed away at 9:32 p. m. Sunday at his residence on Granite street. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wagner, pioneer residents of the Rogue river valley, and spent his entire life here, with the exception of time spent in school at the University of Oregon.

Throughout his life, Mr. Wagner was closely identified with the civic life of Ashland. For 30 years he was connected with the Ashland Daily Tidings, 20 years of that time as editor, retiring from that position to accept the postmaster-ship, which he held for 12 years. He headed, at various times, all the Masonic orders here, was a long-time member of Ashland lodge 944, BPOE, and several times led the activities of the Southern Oregon Pioneer society. He was a member of the Ashland library board at time of death and in 1915 was Jackson county representative in the state legislature.

Mr. Wagner was married to Miss Stella Case, a member of the faculty at the Ashland Normal school, who, with three sons, Paul of San Mateo, Calif., and Lawrence and Wilfred of New York City, survive. Two sisters, Mrs. A. E. Kinney of Ashland and Mrs. T. W. Miles of Medford, and a brother, J. M. Wagner of Ashland, also mourn his departure.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a. m. from the J. P. Dodge and Sons Funeral Home chapel. The Masonic service was used, with R. W. McNeal in charge, assisted by Dr. Claude E. Sayre. Mrs. Catherine Huffman sang appropriate hymns. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

Oregon Wins Three National Awards

Three national safety awards were won by Oregon and Oregon cities in 1941, according to word received by Earl Snell, secretary of state, recently.

Oregon was adjudged winner of the western division of the National States' Safety contest, the second consecutive year the state won this honor.

Bend was given honorable mention in the National Cities Safety contest for cities in the 10,000 to 25,000 population classification. This is the first time an Oregon city has placed in this contest. Bend also won Oregon's 1941 Cities Traffic Safety contest.

Corvallis was placed on the national roll of honor of cities in the 5,000-10,000 population classification which went through the entire year of 1941 without a traffic fatality. This is the seventh year Corvallis has won this honor.

In addition to these national safety awards, Oregon also has three national grange safety awards for the year 1941. The Roxy Ann grange at Medford won first prize in the national grange rural safety contest and two other Oregon granges, the Deer Creek Valley grange of Selma and the North Fork grange of Florence won prizes.

Ashland Has Firm Grip on Cellar

Team	W	L	Pct.
Grants Pass	2	0	1.000
Medford	3	1	.750
Jacksonville	2	1	.667
Ashland	0	3	.000

Ashland high's baseball team will be fighting desperately to break into the win column today when meeting Jacksonville high's Redskins at Jacksonville.

In five games, Ashland has failed to win and the Grizzlies are now growing tired of their cellar position. Coach Jerry Gastineau has promised some surprises for other league members when he finally succeeds in whipping his club into condition.

Ashland's latest loss was a heart-breaking 3 to 2 defeat at

found in statement by Hopkins that supplies to Russia are moving rapidly and that America was pouring supplies to all places "where the Japs and Germans can be killed." That's all the encouragement given "second front" advocates, who are shouting for the Allies to beat Hitler to the spring offensive.

Of vital importance to Americans, as well as their allies, is the big Jap push on Bataan peninsula. There within the past few days the American-Filipino army has been forced, by vastly superior numbers, to retreat towards Corregidor. Both sides have suffered severe losses, but the valiant little defending army has been obliged to give up the struggle on the peninsula. Corregidor's big guns are still pounding the enemy relentlessly.

In the western war area, there are indications that Hitler is ready to cast off with a big Libyan drive in his campaign to open a route to India and to get into the Caucasus oil fields. There is evidence, too, that his planned spring offensive against Russia will be met with an ample force of fresh recruits to make the going slow and uncertain.

While the battle lines are forming on all fronts, portending one of the greatest battles of history, negotiations between Sir Stafford Cripps and the Indian congress are getting nowhere. There are indications that Britain is losing patience with the Hindus and an agreement will have to be reached soon or something drastic will follow.

Next in importance to the rapidly forming new army and the speeding up of war production, is the announcement by the War Production board that women's dresses, for the duration of the war, may become shorter and shorter, or tighter and tighter—as fashion dictates—but neither longer nor fuller than those now worn. Congress having settled the little matter about bras, this latest dictum makes it clear to the ladies that they will at last be able to wear dress styles of their own choosing rather than a standard pattern, as some had feared.

GROUP GOING TO PORTLAND

Dr. and Mrs. Claude E. Sayre, Mrs. Don Whitney and Mrs. Clyde Dunham will leave early Sunday for Portland to attend a two-day annual convention of the Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church.

the hands of Jacksonville here Tuesday afternoon.

Also counting in league standings, Medford entertains Grants Pass in a doubleheader today.



"Conserve to preserve Democracy!"

WHEN clothes go to the cleaner, tell him what caused the spots and stains—if you know. This will mean longer life for the garment, by eliminating experimentation with various solvents.



Then put all the dollars you'll save into DEFENSE SAVINGS STAMPS. Also remind your husband to allot part of his salary every pay day to his company's Pay-Roll Savings Plan.